

# West Valley Water Association

*Formerly WESTCAPS*

Regional Water Strategy



# WESTCAPS

1. Looked at cooperative water and wastewater planning efforts.
2. Could only spend an amount not to exceed the annual membership dues.
3. Used a Multi-Party Agreement to facilitate planning.
4. Reorganized in 2017 as West Valley Water Association (WVWA).



# West Valley Water Association

## Objectives of the New Organization

1. Bring about the institution and advancement of programs and/or projects for the conservation, development, administration, and protection of water resources in the West Valley.
2. Understanding and influencing water policy in Arizona related to water resources management in the West Salt River Valley.
3. Provide, to the greatest extent possible, information to the membership.
4. Through the development of facts, dissemination of information and resolution of apparent conflicts, make its influence felt to the greatest extent possible.
5. Cooperate with and support other organizations working for the same general objectives.



# West Valley Water Association

## Purpose of the New Organization

1. To analyze and recommend ways to preserve, protect, enhance, and develop the quality and quantity of water resources within the West Valley.
2. To exercise leadership and initiatives to determine, encourage, and adopt the most effective management of the region's water supplies.
3. To analyze and develop, Federal, State, regional, and/or local water resource authorities that can provide enhancements to water resource management.
4. To consult, coordinate, and cooperate in the development of effective water management planning, policy, and project development and oversight.
5. To ensure appropriate policies, programs, and/or authorities are in place to protect the quantity and quality of water resources within the West Valley.



# New Membership

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## **Sustaining Members**

Entities, trusts or individuals that have legal authority to manage, control, or own greater than 100 acre-feet of water resources, water rights, and/or infrastructure within the Phoenix AMA west of I-17.

Sustaining Members in good standing will be voting members of the organization through a position on the Board of Directors.



# New Membership

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## **Regular Members**

Individuals or organizations who have an interest in supporting the objectives and purposes of the organization.

There is no geographic limitations for any regular members.

Regular members are not voting members.





# Transition to New Governance



## Board of Directors

Voting Representative

Representatives with a high level of authority  
(i.e. elected officials, city managers, director level, principals,  
shareholders, or trustees.



# Transition to New Governance

## Board of Directors

Created a Planning Committee



Advises the Board of Directors and Executive Director





# Executive Director & Staff

- Need an Executive Director and staffing.
- Run the day-to-day operations and activities of the organization.
- Coordinate Board or other committee meetings.
- Manage the financials and reporting.
- Manage ancillary activities directed by the Board of Directors.



# Membership Dues

Membership Dues:

Currently \$3,200 per year for each sustaining members and \$800 per year for regular members

Annual membership dues will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Dues may increase by the Board of Directors approval and will need to be budgeted by each member.



# Meetings

## **Regular Board Meetings:**

Minimally two per year

## **Special Business Meetings**

May be called by the President / Chair or majority of the Board to consider items requiring substantial deliberation or immediate importance to the organization.





## West Valley Strategic Plan

- ✓ To ensure the West Valley's success in development, economic prosperity, and quality of life.
- ✓ To ensure we are all working together for the greater good of the West Valley, the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, and the State of Arizona.
- ✓ To develop the necessary leadership required for the greatest regional collaboration and participation.